

CRJC Riverbend Subcommittee  
Draft Minutes  
January 24, 2013  
Littleton Community Center

Present:

Jim Sherrard, Littleton  
Jan Edick, Littleton  
Mike Monaghan, Monroe  
Ken Hunter, Monroe  
Rick Walling, Chair, Bath  
Stephanie Taylor, Vice-Chair, Newbury  
Tara Bamford, staff, NCC  
Richard Long, guest, Bath

1. Housekeeping

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rick Walling at 7:05 and introductions made. Everyone welcomed Richard Long who is considering representing Bath on the Riverbend LRS.

The minutes of October 18, 2012 were reviewed and no corrections noted.

Tara went through the list of towns and noted where vacancies exist. Mike Monaghan offered to talk to some people in Haverhill. Jan Edick will look into Ryegate. Tara Bamford will also follow up with Alison at NVDA about Ryegate, and with Stephanie Taylor about whether or not she needs to send in a nomination form.

2. Permit Reviews

A draft discharge permit was received for Barnet Hydro Company to renew their permit for discharging noncontact cooling water to the Stevens River. Bill Graves reported that there are no concerns about it from Barnet's perspective to his knowledge. No objections or concerns were raised; Rick Walling will write a letter stating that those present had no concerns.

Jan Edick will look into the status of the work to paint and repair ice damage on the I-93 bridges over the Connecticut.

3. Updates

Rick Walling gave an update on CRJC. The focus for staff time and other resources will be on the FERC relicensing for the dams, Wilder and south. CRJC will identify what issues to address in the process based on the corridor management plan. Fish passage and increased bank erosion were issues discussed. Stephanie noted that although it is hard to separate natural processes from the dams, she has observed that erosion is

accelerating. It was noted that no geomorphic study has been done on the river south of Littleton.

It was agreed that the Riverbend Subcommittee should look at the CRJC strategic plan anyway and identify priorities and consider other partners to work with anyway. One thing is to identify the next chapter of the 1997 plan to update - Goal 3e. Printing the updated recreation chapter is a priority - Goal 3a. Tara will send out another reminder to review it for needed updates and put it on the next agenda, and make sure everyone has the new water resources chapter..

Outreach/education to implement the plan was discussed as one thing that needs a lot of effort - Goal 4a, b, c. Tara mentioned Adair's homeowners guide as a great tool, something that could be part of a "welcome packet" for real estate agents to give out, and will bring a copy to the next meeting. Partnering with town webmasters and school teachers were mentioned as outreach possibilities. Mike mentioned a similar guide for landowners about river protection that was distributed through Trout Unlimited. He will bring it to the next meeting.

#### 4. Other Business

Jan Edick provided information on the proposal to send diluted bitumen from Canada's tar sands through the existing pipeline through the region's existing pipeline to Portland. The pipeline was built to get crude oil from Portland to refineries in Canada during WW II. Many people are raising concerns about what they believe are the high probability of leaks and the environmental harm that has resulted from a blow-out in a similar situation in the Kalamazoo River in Michigan. Some of the factors of concern are the age of the pipeline, the fact that it is a smaller diameter than would if designed for this material, would require more pressure for the heavier material, and was designed for flow in the opposite direction, and the tar sands oil has more abrasives. The additives required to make it flow include benzene. The pipeline in Michigan had been known to contain many cracks that blew when the higher pressure was applied. Enbridge, the company involved in the Kalamazoo spill has reportedly not been cooperative- officials are still trying to get them to do the clean up right after two years. Rick will send around again the information Bob Ball sent him on this issue. It is not clear if a permit will be required for this change in the use of the pipeline.

Tara will provide an update on what the "Blueway" designation means at the next meeting.

Mike mentioned a good article about native trout in the Ammonoosuc and other tributaries in NH Fish & Game's fieldnotes. Dianne Timmins will be studying 6 sites this coming summer.

#### 5. Future Meeting Dates

The next three meetings were set for April 25th, July 25th, and October 24th. Tara will see if the Littleton Community Center is available and send a notice out to be posted in each town.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Bamford.